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Department of Health Services Children's Medical Services Network (CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #113

Service Code Group (SCG) 07 – Orthopedic Claims Adjudication Problems

We have identified two claims adjudication problems with codes contained in SCG 07 - Orthopedic.

The first problem impacts outpatient hospital providers. SCG 07 contains the codes for outpatient facility room charges. However, a programming error has been preventing these codes from paying when billed pursuant to an SCG 07 SAR. A system fix was installed in the payment system on 5-24-05 to correct this. These codes will now pay when billed by a hospital pursuant to an SCG 07 SAR. If you are contacted by a hospital that had been receiving denials for the room charges, please advise them that they can either rebill the claim or submit a Claims Inquiry Form (CIF) and if the claim is otherwise clean, it will pay. Providers will continue to see denials of room charges billed pursuant to an SCG 07 SAR on a Remittance Advice Documents (RAD) for at least the next two weeks.

The second problem concerns several radiology procedure codes that are listed in the Medi-Cal provider manual as being contained in the SCG 07 which are not actually in the SCG. The codes are 72146 through 72148, and 72156 through 72158. This problem has not been corrected yet. Therefore, if a provider contacts you indicating that they have been denied payment for these codes when they were billed pursuant to an SCG 07 SAR, you should issue them a new SAR for the radiology procedure codes. We will update this notice when the correction is in place.